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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN REACTION TO RHODESIAN ATTACKS IN MOZAMBIQUE

1. IN A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MACHEL OF MOZAMBIQUE NOVEMBER 2, PRESIDENT KAUNDA EXPRESSED INDIGNATION OVER THE RHODESIAN MILITARY INVASIONS OF MOZAMBIQUE. THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO MACHEL AS REPORTED ON TV AND IN THE PRESS FOLLOWS. QUOTE "THE BARBAROUS AND UNPROVOKED VIOLATION OF MOZAMBIQUE'S SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WAS THE WORK OF DESPERATE KICKINGS OF A DYING HORSE AND ZAMBIA CONDEMNED THEM UNRESERVEDLY.

THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE TODAY LIES IN THE COMPLETE TRANSFER OF POWER FROM THE SETTLER MINORITY REGIME TO THE SIX MILLION PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND NOT IN WANTON AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SAVAGE ATTACKSON MOZAMBIQUE.

"THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE ARE DETERMINED NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE TO WREST POWER FROM THE SETTLERS. SMITH AND HIS HENCHMEN SHOULD THEREFORE SURRENDER POWER NOW BEFORE THEY COMMIT THE MAINSTREAM OF INNOCENT WHITES TO DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

"WE SALUTE FRELIMO AND THE PEOPLE'S FORCES FOR PUNISHING THE INVADERS AND FOR REPULSING THE AGGRESSION. ON OUR PART, WE WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY IN THE STRUGGLE FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE. ALUTA CONTINUA." END QUOTE.

2. A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN ALSO CONDEMNED THE ATTACKS IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT, WHICH SAID IN PART: QUOTE "ZAMBIA TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION OF THIS SENSELESS ATTACK ON MOZAMBIQUE WHICH, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OAU SUMMIT IN MAURITIUS, IS A DIRECT ATTACK ON ALL INDEPENDENT AFRIC STATES." END QUOTE.

3. AN EDITORIAL IN THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY MAIL ACCUSES RHODESIA OF ATTACKING CIVILIAN TARGETS AND WARNS SMITH THAT THE ATTACK COULD EASILY ESCALATE INTO A GENERAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. "OTHER FRONTLINE COUNTRIES", IT SAYS, "WILL FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO HOLD THEIR FIRE UNDER SUCH GREAT PROVOCATIONS."
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